

JOHN MILLER.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 288.]

JANUARY 19, 1832.

Mr. BURGESS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following
REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Miller, report:

John Miller, by his petition, prays for the arrears of his pension, from the third day of November, 1812, when he was, on account of wounds and total disability, discharged from the army, to the third of January, 1817, when his name was, by order of Congress, inscribed on the invalid pension roll of the United States, at the rate of eight dollars per month. It is stated in his petition, and, by the evidence submitted in support of it, fully and abundantly proved, that the said John Miller, having theretofore served in the revolutionary war, and being upwards of fifty years old, and, by law, exempted from militia duty, did, on the 8th September, 1812, enter the service of the United States as a private soldier, and, as a volunteer, joined the company of Captain Lemuel Pettingell, in the 16th regiment of detached infantry of the State of New York, commanded by Lieut. Col. Farrond Stanahan. In that regiment he marched to the Niagara frontier, and, on the 13th of October of the same year, crossed the river to Queenstown, in the detachment commanded by General Stephen Van Rensselaer, and was, with that detachment, engaged in the battle of Queenstown. It is stated, by both his Captain and Colonel, that he was active, brave, and, from his former experience in Indian warfare, exceeding serviceable against that part of the enemy's troops, and that, from these causes, being more than ordinarily exposed, he was, towards the close of the battle, severely wounded by three musket balls; one through the body, one through the thigh, and one through the ankle. It further appears, that he was confined to the hospital some months before he could be removed home, where he languished for several years, and is now totally disabled, and in extreme poverty; his pension being insufficient to support his family, or discharge the many expenses incurred in consequence of his wounds. The said John Miller makes oath, that, by reason of his wounds and his sufferings under them, such was his disability, both of body and mind, that the certificate of his services and wounds aforesaid, given to him at the time of his discharge, and brought home with him, remained unnoticed by him among his other papers, until the time of his application for a pension in 1817. This statement is corroborated by the affidavit of five persons, who testify that "his sufferings from his wounds and from poverty was extreme." The honorable Mr. Angel, of the House of Representatives of this Congress, certifies that the witnesses are known to him, and are men of respectability and veracity, and that the petitioner is also well known to him, and that he is a man of good character for truth.

